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Application Development System Utilizing
Standardized Objects And Multiple Views

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Dear Examiner Nguyen-Ba:

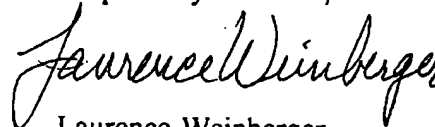
I contacted you by telephone in early July to point out that the prior art reference cited in the Office Action dated June 6, 2001 had a filing date which fell after the priority date to which the present application is entitled. Consequently, the cited art could not be relied upon for a Section 102 rejection. You indicated that you did not have the file in front of you at the time of my call, but that you would review the matter.

Subsequently, on July 17, 2001 you left me a phone message confirming that the present application had priority over the cited reference. In that message you also indicated that the June 6, 2001 action would be withdrawn, and that I could expect a new non-final Office Action.

The 6 month response deadline to the June 6, 2001 Office Action falls on Thursday of next week. Absent any further written communication from you confirming that a new action will be issued, I hesitate to wait for the new action and risk that the patent might become abandoned if I do not respond by next week. In addition, based on your phone message, we have waited until the end of the 6 month period and would incur extension fees to file a response now. I would prefer to respond to your new action.

Would you please confirm to me by fax or e-mail that the June 6, 2001 Office Action has been withdrawn and that I do not have a 6 month statutory period running. I may be reached by fax at 610-431-4181 and by e-mail at larry@lawpatent.com. My phone number is 610-431-1703. Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,



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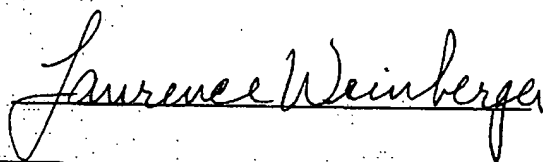
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